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In re Application of:)
Shinichi GAYAMA) Confirmation No.: 2419
Application No.: 10/724,902) Group Art Unit: 2837
Filed: December 2, 2003) Examiner: Unassigned
For: MUSIC SEARCHING APPARATUS AND METHOD)))

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Sir:

<u>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</u> <u>UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)</u>

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form-1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

An European Search Report dated April 2, 2004 is attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the European Search Report along with the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form-1449.

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Relevance of the documents can be ascertained from the enclosed European Search

Report.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists

and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or

constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not

constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the

Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability

of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be

applied against the claims of the present application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby

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any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF

TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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